AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

In the claims:

Please amend the claims as indicated hereafter.

Claims 1-40. (Cancelled)

41. (currently amended) A method for providing video content to a user via a television set-top terminal ("STT") coupled to a television, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving by the STT user input corresponding to a movie;

assigning a first access duration to a the movie video presentation selected by a user responsive to receiving the user input corresponding to the movie;

enabling by the STT the user to access the movie video presentation during the first access duration;

providing by the STT the user with a selectable option during the first access duration, the selectable option being configured to enable the user to access the movie video presentation during a second access duration that is later in time than the first access duration;

receiving by the STT a user input corresponding to the selectable option; and

enabling by the STT the user to access the movie video presentation during the second access duration responsive to receiving the user input corresponding to the selectable option ; [[.]]

receiving by the STT during the second access duration at least a portion of the movie from a server located remotely from the STT; and

outputting by the STT during the second access duration said at least a portion of the movie to the television.

42. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 41, wherein the movie video presentation is a video-on-demand movie, and a total time period corresponding to the first access duration is greater than or equal to a total uninterrupted play time of the movie video presentation.

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43. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 41, wherein the user is provided with a plurality of selectable options during the first access duration, each of the selectable options having a corresponding access duration that is later in time than the first access duration and being configured to enable the user to access the movie ~~video presentation~~ during the corresponding access duration.

44. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 43, further comprising:

providing the user with information identifying a plurality of prices, wherein each of the plurality of prices corresponds to a respective one of the plurality of selectable options.

45. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 41, wherein the selectable option is provided during an interruption in outputting the movie by the STT ~~the video presentation~~.

46. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 41, further comprising the step of:

prior to the step of receiving the user input corresponding to the selectable option, providing the user with information indicating that there is insufficient time remaining in the first access duration to enable the user to view a remainder of the movie ~~video presentation~~.

47. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 41, further comprising:

prior to the step of receiving the user input corresponding to the selectable option, providing the user with information indicating an amount of time remaining in the first access duration.

48. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 41, further comprising:

prior to the step of receiving the user input corresponding to the selectable option, providing the user with information indicating an amount of playing time corresponding to a remainder of the movie ~~video presentation~~, the remainder being calculated from a current interruption point in the movie ~~video presentation~~.

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49. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 41, further comprising the step of:

        providing the user with pricing information related to the second access duration.

50. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 41, further comprising:

    charging the user a first price in connection with the first access duration; and

    charging the user a second price in connection with the second access duration, wherein the first price is different from the second price.

51. (Currently Amended) A <u>television set-top terminal ("STT")</u> ~~system~~ configured to provide video content <u>via a television</u>, the <u>STT</u> ~~system~~ comprising:

    at least one memory having stored thereon program code; and

    at least one processor that is programmed by at least the program code to enable the <u>STT</u> ~~system~~ to:

        assign a first access duration to a <u>movie</u> ~~video presentation~~ selected by a user;

        enable the user to access the <u>movie</u> ~~video presentation~~ during the first access duration;

        provide the user with a selectable option during the first access duration, the selectable option being configured to enable the user to access the <u>movie</u> ~~video presentation~~ during a second access duration that is later in time than the first access duration;

        receive a user input corresponding to the selectable option; ~~and~~

        enable the user to access the <u>movie</u> ~~video presentation~~ during the second access duration ; [[.]]

        <u>receive during the second access duration at least a portion of the movie from a server located remotely from the STT; and</u>

        <u>output during the second access duration said at least a portion of the movie to the television.</u>

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52. (Currently Amended) The <u>STT</u> ~~system~~ of claim 51, wherein the <u>movie</u> ~~video presentation~~ is a video-on-demand movie, and a total time period corresponding to the first access duration is greater than or equal to a total uninterrupted play time of the <u>movie</u> ~~video presentation~~.

53. (Currently Amended) The <u>STT</u> ~~system~~ of claim 51, wherein the user is provided with a plurality of selectable options during the first access duration, each of the selectable options having a corresponding access duration that is later in time than the first access duration and being configured to enable the user to access the <u>movie</u> ~~video presentation~~ during the corresponding access duration.

54. (Currently Amended) The <u>STT</u> ~~system~~ of claim 53, wherein the at least one processor is further programmed to enable the <u>STT</u> ~~system~~ to:

    provide the user with information identifying a plurality of prices, wherein each of the plurality of prices corresponds to a respective one of the plurality of selectable options.

55. (Currently Amended) The <u>STT</u> ~~system~~ of claim 51, wherein the selectable option is provided during an interruption in the <u>movie</u> ~~video presentation~~.

56. (Currently Amended) The <u>STT</u> ~~system~~ of claim 51, wherein the at least one processor is further programmed to enable the <u>STT</u> ~~system~~ to:

    provide the user with information indicating that there is insufficient time remaining in the first access duration to enable the user to view a remainder of the <u>movie</u> ~~video presentation~~.

57. (Currently Amended) The <u>STT</u> ~~system~~ of claim 51, wherein the at least one processor is further programmed to enable the <u>STT</u> ~~system~~ to:

    provide the user with information indicating an amount of time remaining in the first access duration.

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58. (Currently Amended) The STT -system of claim 51, wherein the at least one processor is further programmed to enable the STT -system to:

    provide the user with information indicating an amount of playing time corresponding to a remainder of the movie video presentation, the remainder being calculated from a current interruption point in the movie video presentation.

59-70 (Cancelled)

71. (New) The method of claim 45, wherein the interruption is implemented by the STT responsive to user input.

72. (New) The method of claim 71, wherein the selectable option is provided substantially immediately after the interruption is implemented by the STT.

73. (New) The method of claim 41, further comprising:

    interrupting outputting the movie by the STT responsive to receiving a user input configured to cause the STT to interrupt the movie;

    after receiving the user input configured to cause the STT to interrupt the movie, receiving a user input configured to cause the STT to provide the selectable option, wherein the selectable option is provided responsive to receiving the user input configured to cause the STT to provide the selectable option; and

    resuming outputting the movie by the STT after providing the selectable option.

74. (New) The method of claim 41, wherein the first and second access durations are contiguous.

75. (New) The method of claim 41, wherein the first and second access durations are non-contiguous.

76. (New) A method for providing video content to a user via a television set-top terminal

("STT") coupled to a television, the method comprising

receiving by the STT user input corresponding to a movie;

assigning a first access duration to the movie responsive to receiving the user

input corresponding to the movie;

enabling by the STT the user to access the movie during the first access duration;

determining by the STT that a remaining portion of the first access duration is less

than a remaining playing time of the movie; and

outputting to the television by the STT information identifying the remaining

portion of the first access duration responsive to determining that the

remaining portion of the first access duration is less than a remaining

playing time of the movie.

77. (New) The method of claim 76, wherein the information also identifies the remaining
playing time of the movie.

78. (New) The method of claim 76, wherein the information is output during an interruption in
outputting the movie by the STT.

79. (New) The method of claim 76, further comprising:

interrupting outputting the movie by the STT responsive to receiving a user input

configured to cause the STT to interrupt the movie;

after receiving the user input configured to cause the STT to interrupt the movie,

receiving a user input configured to cause the STT to provide the

selectable option, wherein the selectable option is provided responsive to

receiving the user input configured to cause the STT to provide the

selectable option; and

resuming outputting the movie by the STT after providing the selectable option.

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80. (New) The method of claim 76, further comprising:

   providing by the STT the user with a selectable option during the first access duration, the selectable option being configured to enable the user to access the movie during a second access duration that is later in time than the first access duration;

   receiving by the STT a user input corresponding to the selectable option;

   enabling by the STT the user to access the movie during the second access duration responsive to receiving the user input corresponding to the selectable option;

   receiving by the STT during the second access duration at least a portion of the movie from a server located remotely from the STT; and

   outputting by the STT during the second access duration said at least a portion of the movie to the television.

81. (New) The method of claim 80, wherein the first and second access durations are contiguous.

82. (New) The method of claim 80, wherein the first and second access durations are non-contiguous.

83. (New) A method for providing video content to a user via a television set-top terminal ("STT") coupled to a television, the method comprising

receiving by the STT a first user input corresponding to a movie;

assigning a first access duration to the movie responsive to receiving the first user input corresponding to the movie;

enabling by the STT the user to access the movie during the first access duration;

receiving during the first access duration at least a portion of the movie from a server located remotely from the STT;

outputting during the first access duration said at least a portion of the movie to the television.

receiving by the STT a second user input during the first access duration; and

responsive to receiving the second user input outputting to the television by STT information indicating a remaining portion of the first access duration and a remaining playing time of the movie, wherein the information is output by the STT in conjunction with a portion of the movie.

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